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### Wednesday Wisdom

"If you're Christian, then live it."  
- Mrs. Suzette Maxwell"

### The ASB Squib

McKenna Butler

#### All Year Points

1. Seniors - 625 points
2. Juniors - 575 points
3. Sophomores - 400 points
4. Freshmen - 250 points

#### Swim Meet

Swim Meet has been moved to April 16-18. The Sports Coordinators of each class need to rally together your class' swimmers for your swim team. Points will be taken from swim meet winners to add to the All Year Points.





# All Aboard the Marriage Carriage

## From Woo to "I Do"

Maria Hall



*Mr. and Mrs. Hyde's first picture together at PUC*

This past month, the Rainier Echoes staff went around asking staff members how they met their current spouse. The stories we heard ranged from the classic college love story, to meeting on the first day of seventh grade, to asking out the tallest person on campus as a dare. Here are a few of our favorites:

### Russells

Mr. Russell met his wife at a music festival at Campion Academy, very similar to the music festival Auburn hosted two weeks ago. Mr. Russell was a freshman at Union College and the future Mrs. Russell was a senior at Campion. The two met through a mutual friend but were both dating other people at the time. They continued talking but nothing happened until a year later when they were both dumped on the same day. They bonded over their break-ups and began dating a little while later. When it came time to pop the question, Mr. Russell made a plan

to see a musical at Campion. Mr. Russell contacted Mrs. Williams, who was in charge of the music department there at the time. Before the production began, Mrs. Williams had everyone who had ever been a part of one of her musicals come up on stage. Everyone went on stage, including Mr. and Mrs. Russell, but then everyone disappeared off stage and it was just the two of them. Then, Mr. Russell says, "I said some nice things then asked her to marry me."

### Burkes

Mr. and Mrs. Burke met on the first day of 7th grade and Mr. Burke says he knew from the first time he saw her. Two weeks later he asked her out, and she kindly rejected him. He was undeterred and later that year they started "going steady". The young couple broke up a few times but dated pretty regularly through high school and college. When they were in the 10th grade Mr. Burke proposed with a real diamond ring. The answer was no.

"We were in seventh grade. The bus was late and it was my first year in Christian school so I wore a dress..."

- Mrs. Burke

Two years later, when they were seniors, he proposed again. Again the answer was no. Mrs. Burke wanted to wait until she was done with college and didn't want to be engaged for 4 years. Mr. Burke respected her and didn't propose again until her senior year of college. This time she said yes and the two have been married since.

### Underhills

The Underhills began their romantic journey in college while watching Marvel movies. Every Saturday night leading up to the release of *The Avengers*, Mr. Underhill and his housemate would host a movie night, eventually watching all of the Marvel movies leading up to *The Avengers*. Through friends of friends Mrs. Underhill ended up coming to Mr. Underhill's house for one of those movie nights. After a while Mrs. Underhill would stay afterwards and watch as Mr. Underhill would fail miserably while playing Call of Duty with his friends. She thought this was funny and would make fun of him for it. The pair really spiced things up when they added each other on Facebook. In classic Underhill fashion, he decided to mock one of her Facebook posts with a post of his own. Instead of repelling Mrs. Underhill, they ended up talking and hanging out even more. The couple got engaged at the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium in Omaha, Nebraska in the shark tunnel. Underhill says that when he proposed, "She didn't even bother to say yes, but she took the ring pretty quickly."

### Hydes

Everyone's favorite couple on campus, Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, kicked it all off at Pacific Union College. Mrs. Hyde's sister's roommate introduced the two. The roommate was friends with both of them and thought that they should get to know each other. Mrs. Hyde was the one to ask him out first because PUC *(continued on page 3)*



**(Marriage continued from pg. 2)**  
was having a “Reversal Weekend” which meant it was girls ask guys.

They went together and watched “Le Mans,” a race car movie, in Paulin Hall on campus.

After that they dated for about eleven months and then they got engaged. Mr. Hyde proposed at Mrs. Hyde’s “favorite place on earth,” Bodega Bay. They got married after knowing each other for less than 2 years and just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past September.

tinue to touch the students and faculty who participate in them. Senior Sofia He went on the Philippines trip last year and had this to say about her experience, “Last year’s mission trip made me realize how blessed I am with the things I have.” Senior Derek Slavens, who also attended the Philippines trip, said this about his time there, “I had a lot of fun with all the kids we interacted with on the trip. I enjoyed being able to help in any way I could while I was there.”

The mission trip to Belize will

be leaving on March 17 and the Philippines group will leave on the 18th. The Auburn students will be in our prayers as they go to do God’s work.

## Mission Possible

Carson Fletcher

Auburn students are counting down the days till their spring break excursions. Mission trips are often a once in a lifetime experience that allow students to experience life from a different worldview. They are also an opportunity to show Jesus’ love to people in need. Mission trips include the students helping out poor communities by doing things such as building churches, schools, and providing basic healthcare. Last year the only mission trip offered was one to the Philippines, and a total of 48 students went. This year the mission trip to the Philippines will happen again as well as a trip to Belize. There will be 20 students going to the Philippines and 37 going to Belize.

Auburn has been doing mission trips for many years and they con-

## The Best Fest in the Northwest

Madlyn Ellis



Music Festival Orchestra (PC: Gina Hubin)

From February 22 to 24, Auburn was filled with the music and art of elementary students from Adventist schools across Washington. This year’s festival theme was, “All Creatures of our God and King,” which was shown through the many songs performed. When asked why she chose this theme, Mrs. Williams said, “I’ve always loved the hymn, and saw the lion logo at the San Diego Zoo. Somehow that sparked the idea!”

Around 325 visiting students practiced with the four directors and AAA students for two days to prepare for the weekend concerts. Art students sketched individual

animal pictures and helped paint the main backdrop. Friday night vespers was put on by AAA’s musical groups: sylvan, wind ensemble, and orchestra. On Saturday morning, Sabbath school was led out by sylvan, who performed some drama skits, a girl’s choir from Skagit, and Roger’s bell choir. Church service featured the students performing sacred songs. Each group performed a different rendition of “All Creatures of our God and King.” That afternoon, 130 student and 50 adult volunteers met in Buena Vista’s gym to help World Vision by packaging school **(continued on page 4)**



Philippines mission site  
(PC: Brian Heathcock)



(Fest continued from pg. 3) supplies to be sent to 3rd world countries.

Saturday night was a hoot and a half. The music was lively and energetic, and all the songs had something to do with animals. A jazz band with mostly visiting students and a few Auburn students performed a jazz number. Everyone had a great time praising God through music and art.



Elementary school festival band member  
(PC: Gina Hubin)

## Black Lives Matter

editorial by McKenna Butler

Black Lives Matter is not:

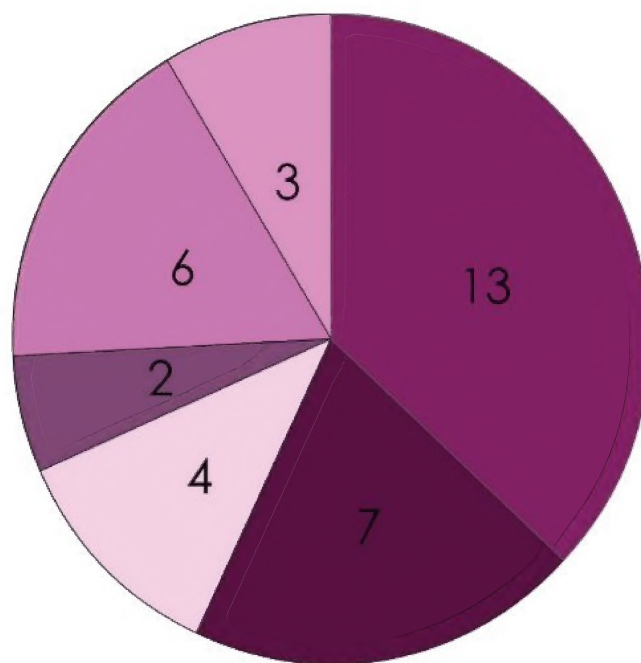
- About anyone being better about anyone else
- A group of people complaining about their situation

On Wednesday, February 28, I wore a graphic t-shirt with three words, "Black Lives Matter." As a young white woman going to a Christian school, I wanted to experience reactions from the student body and staff members when I walked into school wearing this shirt. Since the start of this idea, wearing these words has become so much more to me. I have been reading and absorbing as much as I can about the BLM movement, because I do not want to be ignorant anymore. I was privileged to be able to attend the Black History Month celebration weekend at the Walla Walla University Church while I was visiting their campus. Dr. Hyveth Williams, the first

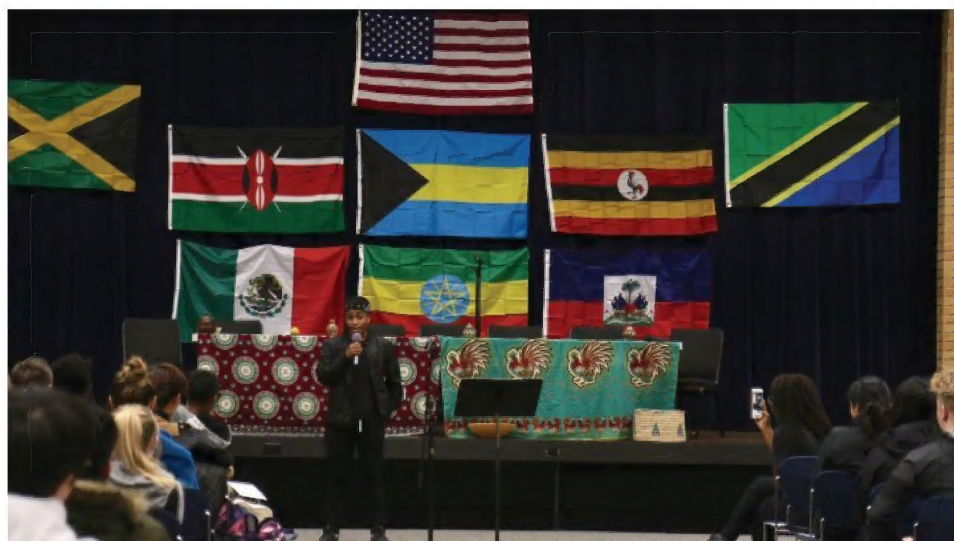
## What's Your Favorite Valentine's Candy?

Amber Pettey-Torres

February 14 is a day dedicated to celebrating love, and often that love is transferred in the form of candy. High school students spending extravagant amounts of money on a Valentine's gift is unreasonable, and as a result many people choose to share their love by getting each other different types of candy. In order to find out which type of candy is Auburn's favorite, a survey was taken of 40 students. Students of all grades were asked what their favorite candy of the Valentine's candy is. The findings are below:



1. Chocolate (13)
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Hearts (7)
3. Jelly Beans (6)
4. Gummy's (4)
5. Candy Hearts (3)
6. Lollipops (2)



Caleb Bruce speaks for Black History Month Chapel (PC: Gina Hubin)

female pastor and the first black female pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, preached. I was extremely blessed by her words, the music, and the program.

This past month, I have learned

that the BLM movement is not a group of people complaining about their situation. According to Mika Edmondson in an address to the members of The Gospel Coalition Council, (continued on page 5)



**(BLM continued from pg. 4)** “Black Lives Matter is saying that black lives matter just as much as every other life, and ironically, Black Lives Matter is a contextualized way of saying ‘All Lives Matter.’” Edmondson says that how we don’t have to say “childrens’ lives matter”, because that is commonly accepted and acknowledged in society. He also says that the Black Lives Matter movement is essentially “Black Lives Matter too.” It is the awareness of a lack in societal norms.

The day I decided to wear my t-shirt ended up being the same day as the Black History Month chapel, part of Project Unity. I mostly got positive comments, high fives, and smiles. Many people asked me where I got my shirt. The only unsettling comment I got was from a staff member who in reference to my shirt said, “That should be ‘All Lives Matter.’” As I addressed with the words of Mika Edmondson, I do not hold this belief. Black Lives Matter is not about

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- Mika Edmondson

one group of people being better than another.

How this school is deciding to focus on unity rather than division is inspiring. A community working together to build relationships and trust is exactly what this campus needs. We all have the influence of racism in us through “institutional racism.” The definition of institutional racism is, “Racial discrimina-

tion that has become established as normal behaviour within a society or organization.”

I don’t claim to understand what it’s like to be black, but each day I work to become a better person who sees everyone equally worthy of respect and love. I would ask that anyone reading this would join me in this aspiration.

## Students Praying Upon the Week

Derek Slavens



*Friday night’s SWOP speakers and others pray before the service.*

Student Week of Prayer (SWOP) is one of the most impactful, powerful, and inspiring weeks at Auburn Adventist Academy.

Planning for this week dates back all the way to September. Campus Ministries takes a vote to select candidates to speak for the week of prayer in February. There were a total of 14 speakers that were chosen to speak this year. The students selected this year were Almonds Sebirokwia, Amber Pettey-Torres, Elianna Strachan, Sally Tonkin, Morgan Bruder, Kaycee Clough, Nate Nesseth, Anders

Jeronimo, Hayden Watson, Matthew Gorton, Sophia Lorge, Kaayla Butler, Emily Carlton, and Mag-nifique Niyonizeye. Once they had been voted for, they were asked if they were willing to speak. If they agree, their journey starts and they begin to prepare their hearts to listen for what God has to say to them and what He wants to say through them.

The speakers came together repeatedly to talk and brainstorm topics. Each speaker was assigned a mentor to work with and help them with their talks. The speakers also attended a retreat at Rosario Beach to break away from school for a weekend and to slow down and connect with God. Outside of group meetings, each student worked independently on their talks and met with their mentor.

Throughout the years, SWOP has proven to be a huge spiritual lift to students who are struggling. It is also a great help for those who have a solid relationship with Christ. While a guest speaker can say great things, there is something about listening to a fellow student that is extremely relatable to the entire student body. This relatability ensures SWOP will always be a great week for Auburn.

## The Need for Blood Strikes Home

Bradley Hammond

The need for a supply of blood increases dramatically during catastrophes. Organizations like Bloodworks Northwest ensure a steady supply of blood in case of a huge disaster, such as the Amtrak derailment that happened in December last year. The Amtrak train derailed off of a bridge onto Interstate 5 between Tacoma and Olympia, killing 3 people and injuring more than 70 other people. The hours immediately following the train wreck featured a huge call for blood, and **(continued on page 6)**



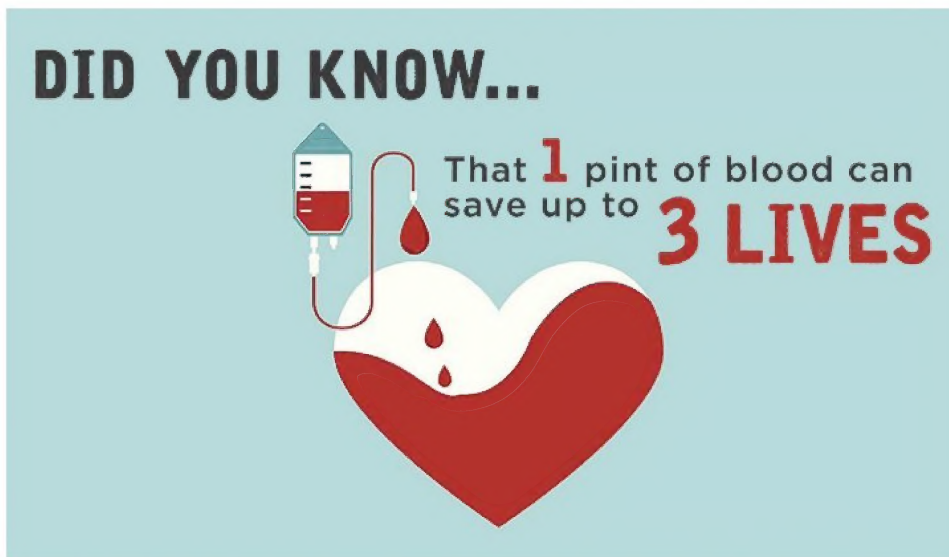
(**Blood continued from pg. 5**) many people answered.

Auburn Adventist Academy has been given the fortunate opportunity the past few years to be able to give back to its community. Auburn is one of the only places that Bloodworks Northwest goes to biannually to collect blood. Places like Auburn help Bloodworks Northwest to maintain a steady supply of blood for day-to-day use and to act as an initial buffer if a

catastrophe occurs. 3-time blood donor Jed Coon said, "Knowing the time I take out of my day can save someone's life is encouraging and has kept me coming back."

One of the more recent events was the Stoneman Douglas school shooting. The Florida Panthers, an NHL team, joined up with OneBlood and JetBlue to host a blood drive in honor of the victims and raise awareness for the constant need of blood in the community.

Tragedies sometimes demand a certain kind of blood, like O negative, and blood organizations will specifically call out for it, but all blood is useful. Donate blood and it will be put to good use, especially if a disaster strikes.



## Phil on Isle 3

story by Arien Cabanilla

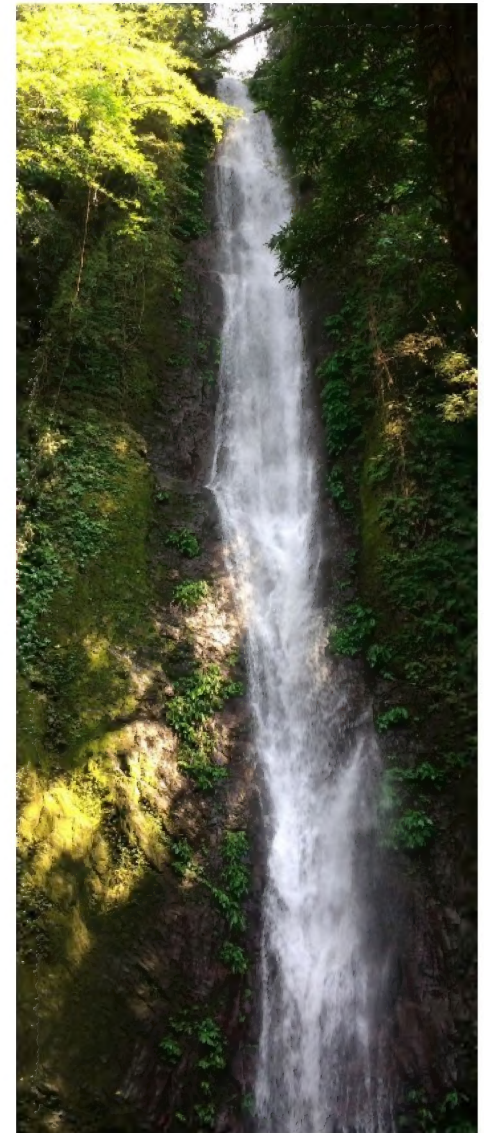
### Chapter 4

The sudden appearance of Jessica the store manager made Phil realize: he was in a half-baked story. First of all, the writer seemed to intend Jessica's reveal to be a big deal, but did anyone even remember her from the first chapter? He certainly didn't. Secondly, how was she here? The writer could have teased that she was on the plane as well, but no such luck. Thirdly, wherever he was, it wasn't fleshed out at all.

Getting up, Phil brushed past Jessica, the man, and the pig, meeting protest. Leaving the hut, Phil's fears were confirmed. There

was no village outside the hut, merely a void of adjectives and nouns and all manner of abstract concepts. Whoever wrote this story clearly had no idea where to take the story next. He turned back at the hut, only to see it and the other characters dissolve into words as well. That is except for the pig, scrambling for the boy. Phil swiftly scooped it up in his arms.

Phil screamed into the void, in anguish at the... at the... um... oh for crying out loud! Writer's block at a time like this! As Phil continued his tirade, the pig began slipping, slowly breaking down into words as well. "No! Not the pig!" Phil thought. Not his longtime companion of a



whole two or three chapters! Realizing how short lived and underdeveloped his kinship with the pig was, Phil let go of it, suddenly feeling a sense of apathy wash over him.

Naturally, approaching my word limit, I finally put Phil and this whole shindig out of misery. I have less than four months until graduation, and the rest of my senior year isn't gonna let up. So, I guess this is an overly elaborate way of saying that this story is hereby finished.



# Auburn's Got Talent

Sophia Lorge

This year's Amateur Hour was held in Dower Chapel on March 3. The show consisted of ten acts where students presented their

artistic, comedic, and/or unique skills. The emcees were Jesse Churchill and Anthony Lyder who kept the show moving by performing cheesy infomercials in between acts.

Juniors Gabby Jung and Gloria Oh opened the show with a beautiful duet

of piano and violin. One of the highlights was Lucas Vanderhoof and his comedic act of calling staff on stage to compete against him in the Pie Face game. Lucas, Mr. Klingstrand, and Mr. Fackenthall lost to Pastor Jen, but everyone ended up getting whip cream sprayed on them.

After all ten acts had finished, the audience was given a chance to vote for the "People's Choice Award." All of the acts were

Someone came up to me after and said that if my grandma was alive she would've been so proud. That was the winning moment for me.

- Kennedy Aiolutepotea

brought back up on stage for the crowning of the winners. Lucas Vanderhoof's act was awarded 3rd place. Arien Cabanilla received 2nd place for his moving poem about his struggle with anxiety. People's Choice was given to Nelly Herrera and Gloria Kang who had performed a duet of a lovely song from the hit movie *La La Land*. After a suspenseful build up, 1st place was announced. Kennedy Aiolutepotea, who sang *Never Enough* from the movie *The Greatest Showman*, was crowned first place and received the grand prize of \$250. "All



1st place winner, Kennedy Aiolutepotea performing for the crowd (PC: Gina Hubin)

I could think of was my grandma and I had to hold back tears the whole song. Someone came up to me after and said that if my grandma was alive she would've been so proud. That was the winning moment for me," she said after winning.

Overall, Amateur Hour was an enjoyable night for all involved.

## Great Scott!/I'll Be Beck!

Arien Cabanilla

"Shoulders up, back, and drop. Sternum check." \*tongue click\* "Now sit tall."

Two weeks before the Auburn Adventist Academy music festival, from February 8-10, the Sylvan Chorale and a select number of band members traveled to Walla Walla University (WWU), where they participated in a music festival with groups from other high schools.

The Sylvan Chorale had a blast. For members new and old, it was great singing under the direction of WWU choir director Kraig Scott, especially when it came to his vocal exercises. Freshman Israel Campbell said that he came back from WWU feeling "more experienced, more focused, [and] taught well."

**Note: First three people to find Mrs. Kobberstad and tell her which two movies the title refers to get candy**

Sylvan qualified for the honor choir, singing Edward Elgar's composition for "As Torrents in Summer" by memory. Juniors Heidi Kissinger and Salissa Tonkin also landed solos for Keith Hampton's "Praise His Holy Name."

Some of Auburn's best instrumentalists came with Sylvan to WWU, where they were instructed by WWU orchestra director Brandon Beck. Auburn band director Trent Russell only brings those of his students who pass rigorous auditions, and he is "always proud of the kids who make it."

Adam Taylor and Sooji Kim, junior and senior respectively, qualified to perform Alfred Reed's "Russian Christmas Music" alongside members of the WWU Wind Symphony for vespers. "It was

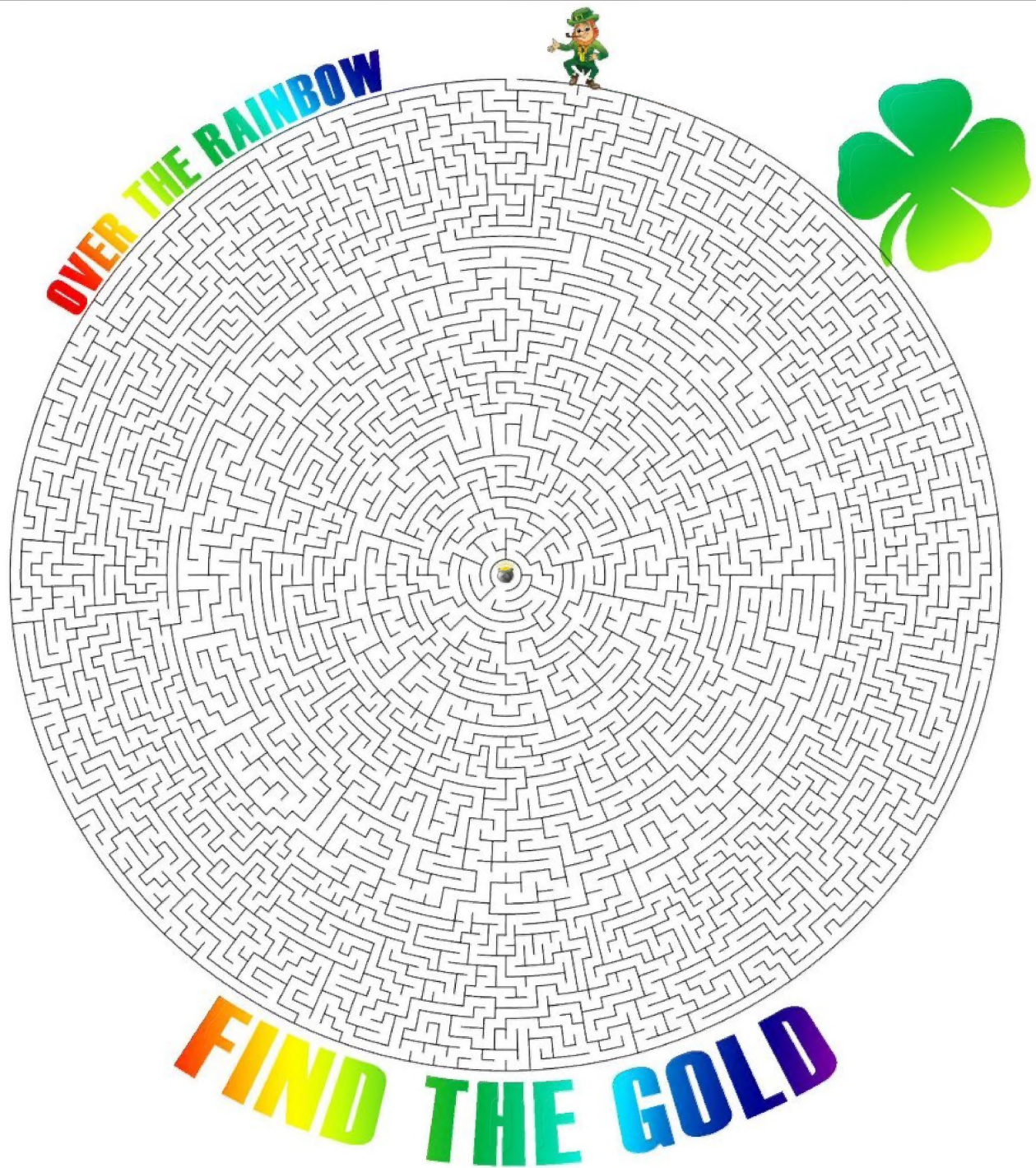
really nice to be part of a professional band [and to perform] with someone who plays the same instrument as me," says Adam.

Music is a big part of Auburn Adventist Academy. Whether it be here at the Academy or all the way in Walla Walla, you can be sure that this school will be nurturing new musicians for years to come!



Adam Ziegele enjoys honor choir (PC: Arien Cabanilla)





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